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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

A replacement drawing sheet for Fig. 1b is attached showing cross-hatching of spacer elements 20, 21, 22, and 23 to replace the solid black spacer elements represented in that drawing figure as it was previously presented. In that regard, it is assumed that the examiner's drawing objection was directed only to Fig. 1b, because original drawing Figs. 2 and 3 each included cross-hatching of those elements of the illustrated structure.

Acceptance and entry of the attached replacement drawing sheet is respectfully requested.

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The drawing objection has been addressed and is believed to have been overcome by the attached replacement drawing sheet, which is respectfully requested to be entered.

Applicant's attorney notes with appreciation the indication of allowability of claims 2 through 9. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2, and thus claims 3 through 13 are therefore believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence from an allowable claim, either directly or indirectly.

In connection with the examiner's suggestion of informalities in claims 11, 12, and 13, which were not identified in the Action, applicant's attorney has reviewed those claims and has made minor amendments to claims 11 and 12 in an effort to respond to possible informalities. If the examiner believes that there are still informalities, she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that any such informalities can be considered and addressed further, if necessary.

Finally, the subject matter of original claim 13 has been incorporated into the specification by the amendment of specification paragraph 0005, to conform the specification with the claims.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, the drawings, specification, and claims as they now stand in the application as hereinabove amended are believed clearly to be in allowable form. Consequently, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and

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reexamination of the application is respectfully requested with a view toward the issuance of an early Notice of Allowance.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this amendment raises any questions, so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Replacement drawing sheet for Fig. 1b.